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Representative McClure

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 5-703, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SKIING.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 5-703, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 5-703. Posting ski information signs

5 A. A ski area operator shall maintain a sign and marking system with
6 concise, simple and pertinent information for the protection and instruction
7 of skiers. The signs required by this section shall be readable in
8 conditions of ordinary visibility and, if applicable, ~~that are~~ SHALL BE
9 adequately lighted for nighttime skiers.

10 B. A ski area operator shall place a sign that depicts and explains
11 signs and symbols that skiers may encounter in the ski area in a position
12 where all skiers who are proceeding to the uphill loading point of each base
13 area lift will see the sign. The sign shall depict and explain at least the
14 following signs and symbols:

15 1. A green circle and the word "easier", which designates the least
16 difficult ski slopes and trails of the ski area.

17 2. A blue square and the words "more difficult", which designates the
18 ski slopes and trails of the ski area that have a degree of difficulty
19 between the least difficult and most difficult slopes and trails.

20 3. A black diamond and the words "most difficult", which designates
21 the most difficult ski slopes and trails of the ski area.

22 4. A figure in the shape of a skier with a band running diagonally
23 from corner to corner of the sign with the word "closed" printed beneath the
24 emblem.

25 C. If applicable, a ski area operator shall place a sign at or near
26 the loading point of a passenger tramway that states one of the following:

27 1. If the tramway transports passengers only to the more difficult or
28 most difficult ski slopes and trails in the ski area, the sign shall state:
29 "WARNING: This lift services 'more difficult' (blue square emblem) and 'most
30 difficult' (black diamond emblem) slopes and trails only."

31 2. If the tramway transports passengers only to the most difficult ski
32 slopes and trails in the ski area, the sign shall state: "WARNING: This
33 lift services 'most difficult' (black diamond emblem) slopes and trails
34 only."

35 D. If a ski area operator closes a ski slope or trail or a portion of
36 a ski slope or trail to the public, the operator shall place a sign notifying
37 skiers that the slope or trail or portion of the slope or trail is closed at
38 each identified entrance to the slope or trail or closed portion of the slope
39 or trail. In lieu of placing a sign at each identified entrance, the ski
40 area operator may close off the entrance with rope or fences.

41 E. A ski area operator shall place a sign at or near the beginning of
42 each ski slope or trail that contains the appropriate symbol of the relative
43 degree of difficulty of that slope or trail as set forth in subsection
44 B. The requirements of this subsection do not apply to a ski slope or trail

1 that is designated "easier" if a skier may substantially view the slope or
2 trail in its entirety before beginning to ski the slope or trail.

3 F. A ski area operator shall mark the ski area boundaries that are
4 designated on the trail map.

5 G. A ski area operator shall mark all ski lift tickets and season
6 passes that the operator sells or makes available to skiers with the
7 following in clearly readable print:

8 Warning: Under Arizona law, a skier accepts the risk of any
9 injury to person or property resulting from any of the inherent
10 dangers and risks of skiing, including changing weather
11 conditions, existing and changing snow surface conditions,
12 surface or subsurface conditions, whether marked or unmarked,
13 collisions with natural or man-made objects, whether marked or
14 unmarked and the failure of skiers to ski within their own
15 abilities.

16 H. A ski area operator shall post and maintain signs where ski lift
17 tickets and ski school lessons are sold and in a location that is clearly
18 visible to skiers who are proceeding to the uphill loading point of each base
19 area lift that state the following in clearly readable print:

20 Warning--important: Under Arizona law, a skier accepts the risk
21 of any injury to person or property resulting from any of the
22 inherent dangers and risks of skiing. Some of these risks are
23 listed on your lift ticket or season pass. Please review your
24 ticket or pass and ask the ski area personnel for more
25 information.